

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A removable plate having a medium, to be integral to a casing for a processor-based device to facilitate access to the medium, the removable plate comprising:
 - 5 a first surface designed to be complementary to the casing to cover a portion of the processor-based device;
 - a second surface to be covered by the first surface when integrated with the casing, the second surface being designed to face the processor-based device on the inner side of the casing, to provide access to the medium; and
 - a coupling to couple the removable plate to the casing.
- 10 2. The removable plate of claim 1, wherein the medium is designed to store data associated with the operation of the processor-based device.
3. The removable plate of claim 1, wherein the medium is a medium from a group of media comprising a floppy disk, a compact disk, a digital video disk, a flash memory device, a memory stick, an optical disk, and a magnetic medium.
- 15 4. The removable plate of claim 1, wherein the medium includes bootable, system recovery software.
5. The removable plate of claim 1, wherein the removable plate further comprises a metalized insert to dissipate heat, the metalized insert coupled to the to the first surface.
- 20 6. The removable plate of claim 1, wherein the first surface of the removable plate comprises a tab to couple the removable plate with the casing, wherein the tab couples to the first surface and is manually operated to release the removable plate from the casing.
7. The removable plate of claim 1, wherein the removable plate comprises a rectangular compact disk.

8. A method to couple a medium to a casing for a processor-based device, the method comprising:

determining a first surface of a removable plate wherein the first surface is complementary to the casing and is manufactured to cover a portion of the processor-based device, wherein a second surface of the removable plate is configured to provide access to the medium, the medium being capable of storing data, wherein the second surface is designed to face the processor-based device on the inner side of the casing; and

adapting the removable plate to couple with the casing.

10 9. The method of claim 8, further comprising releasing the removable plate and accessing the medium on the removable plate.

10. The method of claim 9, further comprising updating the data on the medium.

11. The method of claim 9, further comprising prompting a user to replace the removable plate when the removable plate is separate from the processor-based device.

15 12. The method of claim 8, wherein the second surface is designed to allow the processor-based device to record data onto the medium.

13. The method of claim 8, wherein determining a first surface of a removable plate comprises manufacturing the first surface of the removable plate.

20 14. The method of claim 8, wherein determining a first surface of a removable plate comprises painting a coating onto an existing medium.

25 15. The method of claim 8, wherein determining a first surface of a removable plate comprises determining the removable plate, integral to the casing to cover an opening in the casing, wherein the dimensions of the removable plate are adaptable to comprise the medium; and creating the removable plate, based upon the dimensions, to be an integral portion of the casing, covering the opening.

16. A system to facilitate storage of data on a processor-based device, comprising:

a casing to substantially encase the processor-based device, the casing comprising an opening; and,

5 a removable plate having a medium and being designed to cover the opening in the casing of the processor-based device, wherein the removable plate comprises a first surface designed to be complementary to the casing to cover a portion of the processor-based device; a second surface to be covered by the first surface when integrated with the casing, the second surface being designed to face the processor-based device on the inner side of the casing, to provide access to the medium; and a coupling to couple the removable plate to the casing.

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17. The system of claim 16, wherein the processor-based device is adapted to communicate with a data-reading device.

18. The system of claim 16, wherein the medium comprises instructions to facilitate operation of the data-reading device after a failure of the software.

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19. The system of claim 16, wherein the casing comprises a display screen and the removable plate of the casing is located behind the display screen of the laptop computer.

20. The system of claim 16, wherein the casing comprises a cover for a car dash.

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